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## AGRICULTURE.

HOW TO BUILD STONE WALLS.

Stones are the best materials for fencing when they are plenty, and they are very ready thrown up the form of a wall three and a half feet high when the main object is attended to. That is, a substantial fence for castle.

Faced walls and double walls are pretty when they are new. But they will not endure so well as more common balance walls which are laid for durability rather than for beauty of external appearance. A stone layer often lays a stone out of place to present his best face to the beholder.

It has often been recommended by writers to dig trench one or two feet deep on the line of the wall, and to fill it up with small stones for a foundation of the wall. But warm and free soils can be more economically managed in a different way, and made quite as permanent. Plough in the spring, give a dressing with manure, plant Indian corn, and at the last hoeing, sow grass seed. In this course all the benefits that can be drawn from the vegetable matters ploughed under are secured, and therefore the growing crops of grain will be greatly increased when the manure is removed. If other grain crops are desired, adopt the recommendation of Mr. Phinney, after the Corn is taken off, plough with a light furrow not disturbing the stony turned under, or use a cultivator, and then sow such small grain as may be chosen. Rotation of crops with this culture would not very soon exhaust fields.

Penobrake, Sept. 14th, 1847. M. A.

It is rather amusing to notice the stir which the term "New Husbandry" has produced in New England. We admitted into the Ploughman the communication of our Ashland correspondent entire because it contained facts of importance to farmers; and though on reviewing it there appear certain expressions that may be construed in an ill sense, yet we thought the writer could mean nothing more than a humorous sally at us, the old men of the age, for fancying that we had found out something new.

No: our much respected correspondent, of Penobrake, may as well join the editor of the Ploughman as any other man in the country, without reflecting ill on himself or any other member of the society.

Well, I was just making my excuses for the old man, and he had been

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WEEK & Co.]

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RAIN.

in a very good day.

The receipts to supply the wants of the market goes into store, but

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